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From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
To: Ships and Stations Having Dental Officers

Subj: POLICY ON REPORTING DENTAL WORKLOAD AND DIAGNOSTIC DATA

Ref: (a) DoD Instruction 6410.2 (NOTAL)
(b) BUMED Notice 6600 of 12 Feb 93
(c) NAVMEDCOMINST 6600.1B
(d) DoD(HA) Policy ltr 97-061 of 14 Aug 97 (NOTAL)
(e) BUMED ltr 6600 Ser 66/0123 of 9 Jul 96 (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To implement change to dental workload reporting procedures.

2. Background. DoD policy directs the use of codes and nomenclature for dental procedures in reference (a) for uniform reporting purposes. With the cancellation of reference (a), guidance was provided by reference (b) until incorporation into reference (c). Reference (d) mandates a change in dental workload reporting eliminating the need for revision of reference (c).

3. Action

a. Effective 1 October 1997, American Dental Association's (ADA) Current Dental Terminology (CDT), American Medical Association's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and World Health Organization's International Classification of Diseases and Related Illnesses (ICD) will constitute the coding system for reporting dental clinic procedures and diagnoses. CDT codes will be implemented 1 October 1997, while CPT and ICD, together with CDT codes, shall be standardized in the DoD/Military Health Services System Health Data Program and incorporated into the Defense Dental Standard System, which is under development, and used on its deployment. When implemented, CPT codes shall be used in those instances where CDT codes lack specificity (i.e., some oral and maxillofacial surgery, oral pathology procedures etc.). ICD codes shall be used to provide diagnostic data in support of clinical investigations and senior management evaluation of dental resource requirements.

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b. The Naval Management Systems Support Office (NAVMASSO) will provide commanding officers, officers in charge, and department heads with detailed guidance on how to update the Dental Management Information Systems with the new ADA CDT Code database. To contact NAVMASSO use the following address: 1441 Crossways Boulevard, Chesapeake, Virginia 23320-2843.

c. Dental data reporting guidance provided by reference (e) is still in effect. Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Fiscal Year Supplemental Guidance will include data reporting requirements for resource management.

4. Point of contact for this matter is Director, Health Care Planning Division (MED-62) at (202) 762-3019 or DSN 762-3019.

5. Cancellation Contingency. Until incorporated into reference (c).

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